

Journal

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voyage
From Freetown to New-York

By way of
Gambia

June 5th 1854

1st Voyage.

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Left Green Hope May 30th

" Freetown June 5th

" Gambia June 22

Made Land Riversink 22 July

Freetown Harbor on board Brig Falcon
June 5th 1854.

Came on board about
2 hours since & now the vessel is about
to hoist anchor. So I may bid adieu to
Sierra-Leone. I had fever all ^{last} night &
this morning till since I came aboard
I now feel better and hope that the sea
air will restore my strength. May God
now keep me. I desire during the voyage
to cultivate a deeper love for all things
good & a warmer and ~~fuller~~ consecration
to his divine will.

Half Past 3. We are now under way with
a considerable breeze. It rains so that we
can see but a short distance in ~~any~~
~~directions~~.

June 6th Although we had a good breeze till 9 O. last night yet we gained nothing the current has carried us back as much as we gained for we are not only now in sight of the Mountains of Sierra Leone but we are also westward of them. We now have a very slight breeze barely equal to the current.

Our Company consist of Capt Hatch
 First Mate Mr Water Second Mate Mr
 Weston A four Men - Capt ~~Hatch~~ ^{Staines} &
 myself Papenberg as he to the Gambier
 I to New York

Evening at 5 Since yesterday at 2
 I have been quite unwell. The fever

came on at that time & although I took³
plentifully of Dover's Powder & teas yet it
continued incessantly until 2 O. today. I
am now free of fever & have taken Qui-
nine, hoping to keep off the fever to-mor-
row. I am very weak & frequently sick
at the Stomach.

We are now running our course
with pretty good breeze. Our place at
noon was N. Lat $9^{\circ} 18'$ Lon W. 14° -
I do sincerely thank my Heavenly Fa-
ther that I feel better today. If it is
his will may he bles. the means made
use of to remove entirely the disease.
Our Cook although a kind hearted fellow,
is very incompetent. His bread & some
of his dishes are most unfit for a weak
Stomach.

June 8th 10¹/₂ A. M. Only a slight breeze now attends us, and the Brig acts as if by too long resting she had become lazy. When the breeze freshens she turns lazily to one side & as carelessly settles back thus keeping up only a monotonous swing of a few degrees, & even with this makes some idle groans about her mast head. & keeps up a careless flopping of her wings. If she were capable of feeling I might be led to go to her for sympathy for she acts just as I feel, all unnerved prostrated & gone. The fever having propped up me ^{at times} for several days previous to my coming on board, & for the 24 hours preceding the last 15 has much unnerved me & disqualified me for thought or action.

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However I hope that in a few days
I shall feel stronger & livelier. I can
only look to God, who all along has pro-
tectd me, although so unworthy of his
care. How Merciful Our Father is - How
blessed we who receive life from not
~~only~~ food & drink but life - not only
life but eternal glory ~~with~~ himself - this
is life. Let me ever so regard it. How
happy we shall be where there will be so
much to delight us & nothing sadden us - where
Gods wisdom, Heavens beauties & above all
Christ's acts of Salvation will so employ
us that we shall never think of self - the
self will be lost. We shall not then feel
the lower bliss here enjoy when in possession
of a little means of earthly good - we say this

is now for us ha! we shall enjoy it!
not to wonder: We shall enter in &
at once enraptured, shall join the Song
of Glory to the Lamb, & hence forget we
were except to know we once were wretches
but now redeemed & hence our song.

Sund 15th Afternoon Sat 11^o 33^h ~~77~~

Son 17^o Ever since the 8th I have
been quite unwell. Part of the time
with burning fever & part with
chilling shudders, cold Night sweats
that seem to threaten my life - for
two nights back they have been awful
leaving me in the morning cold &
almost lifeless. God bless the Capt.
mate & others who are so kind to me
in my suffering - If it is his will

remove from me this affliction. I have
much spiritual enjoyment because I
believe I have given all up to Christ
my sins, errors, short coming, fears
hopes. My dear dear wife & child
All my friends I believe he has accep-
ted all. I must be ~~quite~~ rest in
him till my change comes. This
has been a sad day to my beloved Jesus
who died is my hope. Oh Salvation
Salvation. I shall sing it in
Heaven

Monob 50. P.M. Lat $11^{\circ} 35'$ Lon. $17^{\circ} 4'$

We have made scarcely any headway since
yesterday this time. The wind is immedi-
ately ahead & prevents us making progress
Today I feel a little better than yester

day but on account of the severe operation of medicines taken last night & this morning I am very weak. I hope that the Cold Sweats will not take advantage of this & again renew these dreadful visits. By God's care I hope to survive this fever & again reach my home my Wife & friends. I long to be able to read & write as I hoped to do considerable of both on the voyage.

Tues 13th Forenoon. I had heavy Night Sweat last night have a little fever today but on the whole feel better. I have been able to gather up my clothes, as they had been scattered about the ship during my more severe sickness. I feel quite strong but have some fear

that the fever may return. I Sincerely⁹
desire it may not, but at all times
the will of God be done

We make but slow progress towards
our place of destination although we pass
rapidly through the water. The wind
being so directly ahead we are obliged to
tack frequently and the vessel makes
much less way. Besides is carried back
much of the time by currents. Letting
drift. So it is with us spiritually.

We seemingly sometime advance rapidly
on our way, but alas - our way is not
direct. We are turned first to one side
& then to the other & carried away by
the currents of earthly interest. Still seem-
ingly advancing till we take an oblique

10 tion, by looking carefully into Gods word
and our own hearts, we find ourselves
really not advanced but only in another
place not nearer the Gates of Heaven

We must take frequent observations there
& must guard well against the winds of
temptations & alluring currents of pleasure if
we at last gain our desired haven.

But how happy we shall be, when the port
is gained. Storms, labors, trial, fears, all
past we are home O! what a home - What
companions, What employments, What
themes What songs What beauties are
there.

One O'clock Sat 12° 32' Lon 11° 17' We have
gone a considerable distance since yesterday this
time. Perhaps we shall reach Gambia tomorrow

Wed 14th Morning. We are now running on
course at a rapid rate & if the breeze

continues we shall soon reach Gam-
bia perhaps this afternoon.

Evening dark. We are now off Cape St Marys
which we round in going into the anchorage
of Buttrick. I am indeed thankful to
my Heavenly Father for deliverance from
Schnep & prolonging my life thus far
May my conduct & show my gratitude
to my Devotedness to Him who has so
mercifully dealt with me.

I do not feel quite so well this
evening as usual.

Thurs. 15th Morning. at anchor off Cape
St. Marys. Last night we anchored
at dark at this place & have had no

around since sufficient to take us in
 Local buildings are visible from this place
 and look well. One is a house built for
 persons recovering from sickness & for those
 who need a change of air. The others are
 I believe private country seats.

Good morn. June 16th In Columbia Harbor
 yesterday at about 4 P.M. we anchored
 here. We are immediately in front of
 the town of Bathurst only a few rods
 from the wharf. The town extends a consid-
 erable distance along the beach, contains be-
 tween 2 & 3 thousand inhabitants, & displays
 more taste in its buildings than Georgetown.
 But the island on which it is built, &
 which is only about 5 mi. by 2½ is very
 low. The principal watering establishments
 are not on ground not more than 2 ft

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above high tide & I have seen no part
of the town that is much higher. I
went on shore yesterday evening & was in-
troduced to Mr. Winters & Mr. Wesley -
an Insuperaries here & was very kindly
treated by both. I am to preach here
on Sunday. - This morning we have rain
& the morning is very dark & gloomy
I understand that there has been no rain
of any account here yet while we had
them in Shebo a month before I left.
We shall probably be detained here two
weeks. Quite a disappointment to me
who am anxious to reach home.

Frid 16th We are here doing nothing as the
Capt could not get the consignee ready
to receive cargo today. He is to commence
tomorrow. I studied some this forenoon

14 Some I read some. Afternoon was visited
by Mr. Bridgman a Wesleyan Minister
whom I met at Mr. Meadows yesterday
evening. I have agreed to preach for him
on Sund. I was introduced to Mr.
Meadows the Superintendent of Wesley-
an Mission here, yesterday evening &
found him a very agreeable man.
I do not know how many days
we shall be kept here but I fear
15 or 20. Wrote a short letter to Susan
& sent it this afternoon by a vessel
going direct to New York.

Ther. about 82° in the Cabin. Night
Cloudy & threatening. Crew all
well.

Sat 17th June. I have been studying much

of the forenoon at a Sermon for¹⁵
tomorrow in the Wesleyan Chapel, But
as I am getting a large Swell on my
face I do not know whether I shall preach
I am now about to go ashore to visit
Mr. Meadows.

I have had considerable conversation
with Mr. Watts the mate today on
Slavery & religion. He is rather favora-
ble to Slavery, but is a believer in the
truth of Divine Revelation & hence I
have an opportunity of making it seem
hard to sanction Slavery in the face
of that book of Books.

He is a man of much experience with
the world - having been long a seaman
visiting many parts of the world & being
on land considerable periods of time

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He told me last night that at one
time or ^{more} he was from ~~Monday~~ ^{evening} 4 O. to Thurs. evening 4 that he never
once closed his eyes to sleep. He was
once "cast away" on a reef of Rocks near
Peruena Is. He had 84 passengers on
board & was obliged to remain on the
Week for some 5 or 6 days during which
time 6 of the passengers died. He de-
scribes their sufferings as horrid.

Evening after dinner (at 4 O.) today. Saw Mr
Bridget & I rode out along the R. about 24
miles N back. I enjoyed it much. I returned
to the vessel at dark. Was sorry to learn
that the sailors had commenced a fight on
board & that when the second mate attempted
to quell the mutter they resisted & even

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continued their resistance after the other
officers came to settle them. One of the
poor fellows is now confined in the hold
for his conduct, which no doubt is just
punishment. Rum is the cause. They
were on shore with cargo & in some
way procured it there. The sailor is
a desperate character when where he can
get liquors.

Sund. 18 Preached in the forenoon at
the Wesleyan Chapel from the It is a
good thing that the heart be established
with grace. There was a good audience
but I felt considerably embarrassed by
the height of the pulpit. I was asked
to preach again in the evening but as I have
not felt so well today I declined.

After meeting I went to Mr Meadows
 & Stair till evening I had some very
 interesting conversation with Mrs M. in
 regard to their work & past experience
 The P. Mrs M. have been instrumental
 in inducing several of the colored men
 here who had taken young women as con-
 cubines to marry them. She says they
 have united with their Church are living
 happily together. She told me that in
 some cases that they had made efforts of
 this kind with the women refused
 to be married saying that they would
 not always keep ~~the~~ stay with one
 man. Many of the girls that they have
 reared with much care in their female
 School have been seduced & ruined by

young men of the Colony.

The Second Mate of this vessel went on shore yesterday with two or three of his acquaintances from other vessels went in swimming in front of the town leaving their clothes on the beach soon some of the Police appeared & seized their clothes & called them to come ashore, but as they knew that they would be taken to prison or at least exposed to the public gaze in the hands of the Police they made their escape partly by swimming & partly by small boats procured on the way to their vessels. Our Mate seems to feel pretty badly about it as the clothes taken were his but if he had some money in his pockets, one lesson more for him I would think

Nov 19th. Reading forenoon in Fox's
Brit. of Wesleyan Miss West Coast Africa
This afternoon I was on Shore - visited
the Market & several other places
about the town. The Market is quite
inferior to that of Sierra Leone, but
still contains considerable. There were
Beef, Bread Plantains, Fish in abundance
Several sorts of country dishes which
I am unable to name, a great many
European articles - as, Prints, Beads, Rings, Ribbons
&c. I Bought a small Basket of native
manufacture & a Pot of Monkey Bread
which I hope will keep to carry home.
I tried to buy some Gre Grees from
some of the natives but found they asked
enormous prices, I however purchased one
from a man who wore a horn of them.

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I attempted to talk with many of them but was much surprised to find so few of them able to speak English.

We took in but little cargo today. At this rate we shall be here a fortnight unless we have without a load. Capt. Hatch talks of leaving this week but I have little hope of it. There does not appear to be much business going on here now.

Dec. 20th Spent the forenoon in reading Jones Wirt. & Fenelon on Spectual progress.

It is an excellent work. I read a part coming up from the mission to Freetown. I was benefited by it. I feel my need of reading. Since such books as that. May God bless the reading of this one.

Afternoon spent in company with
 Mr Briquet who came to dine with
 us & remained with me on board till
 evening. "Dined" with Mr. Duham the
 merchant to whom the vessel is consigned
 at 7½ O. Rather a late dinner, but did
 very well for ~~the~~ Capt. and I who had
 dined at 12 the same day. Mr. Duham
 certainly treated us with much kindness
 but he & I were disputing the whole ev-
 ening about the mental & moral capa-
 cities of the Negro Race. He thinks them
 an inferior order of human beings &
 not capable of self-government, or of any
 high attainments whatever. We returned
 to the vessel about 9½. One of our hull
 ors went ashore in the evening with per-
 mission to go to the Hospital & return in

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Immediately, but he has not yet come back.
Now Capt. Hatch has about the same
idea of Sailors as a class that Mr. Quinn
has of the Blacks as a race. I recollect
of riding in the Stage with a man
on my way to New-York who enter-
tained the same opinion of the Irish.
So I suppose we would all condemn
each other & think that God has made
a difference between us & always in favor
of the one uttering the opinion ^{in regard to} of some
one else. Time only will settle this
question.

Wed. 21st at 7 O. P. M. We are now in
the midst of a violent Tornado. Our vessel
drags her anchor - we make for shore again.
Another vessel has drifted and lodged against
~~the~~ bows & thus she is forced by waves

than ~~her own~~ reaction against the storm
 and the current. The Capt. barters her
 cables. What inquiry is done I do not know
 the rain falls in torrents from the dark
 heavy clouds around & above us. A few
 minutes since the whole crew was in
 uproar - loud voices of command & the
 quick "J. S." of the helms succeeded & now
 all is still - not a word can I hear in the
 Cabin here - The crews are putting fenders
 on our vessel to prevent the other from
 injuring her - The wind & rain continue &
 peals of thunder overhead rapidly follow
 the vivid & frequent flashes of lightning
 that glare on the water. Allow a tens-
 iont sight of the various ships & boats
 tossing about ~~on the water~~ ^{like a cork}. The Capt.
 cries "Fenders," "bear off," "Heard a Port!"

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That is turn the helm so as to aid in preventing her drifting. The vessel against us is a Brig but I do not know what one. Perhaps a Frenchman, as there was one not far from us. Now again the Commands & replies are frequent from "aft to fore" & then from "fore to aft." They seem to be sending off & at the same time shortening cable so as to draw our Brig forward against the stern & let the other pass. The Capt has just been in & says the vessel "afore" of us is a brig belonging to some of the Merchants here & that she had but one small anchor laid & only about 10 fathoms of chain when the storm began. He is much aggravated at the Capt. of her. In such a case the owner of the drifting ship must pay all damages.

This forenoon I finished a letter to Rev. D. D. Wilson & then spent some time in writing out some principles of the Mendi Language from a paper I had noted them down on while at Kaw Mendi more than a year ago. This afternoon I was on shore taking a final view of the town. I should not like to reside here. It must be very disagreeable in the rains, & during the Kalmatan winds in Jan. & Feb. for they blow so strong as to keep the air darkened almost with light sand.

We now have cleared ourselves of the other Brig. The Chain is shortened & the Sailors are again "clearing up decks". The Cook comes, & wants the table to put on our postponed supper.

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Thurs. 22nd Mouth of Gambia River near
Bird Island. - - We left our moorings today
about 10 A.M. with that ebb-tide reach-
ed our present position where we have
anchored to wait for tide again. It is
now near 8 A. is rather dark & perhaps
the Capt. will not take up anchor till
morning. We were none injured by the
storm last night, but were troubled
this morning by the same, & again
The Pilot, Capt. & Mate have just gone
out to take a look at the clouds & decide
whether to "get under way tonight"
We are now nearly on a line from Bird
Is. to St. Mary's Cape, where the Military
Hospital is. The order I hear is to "Clear
away the main top-sail." So we shall
remain where we are tonight. The sailors

fuel the sails. I may now regard myself as on my way home & am anxious to reach it soon. May God keep me during this voyage, & help me exercise right thought, & cultivate right feelings. But I will now retire. The Ther. today was

about 85° but our Cabin is quite comfortable. Frid 23rd 3 O'clock P.M. Off Cape St. Marys South side the Gambia river. We now have a light breeze & are slowly moving away from the shore of Africa. A few trees on Cape St. Mary were a few minutes since visible, but hardly now with the naked eye. So I may now say farewell to Africa. For a while at least I shall not behold its wretchedness & misery but I shall not forget them. The watery world to which we now commit ourselves

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may top me for weeks upon its surface
but my thoughts will after turn to the
place, the people & the scenes of my past
years labors. It is now 1 year 4 months &
22 days since I first set my foot on
African soil. It does not seem so long
although there were many tedious days
& long nights of suffering in that time.
It has been a period of much experience
to me. A new land - a strange & hostile
climate - a people equally strange & menacing
unending subjects of thought, as well as causes
sometimes of hope & sometimes of discouragement.
But after all that I have seen
heard & felt, I bid adieu to this dark
land with higher & firmer hopes of its
people than I cherished before I embarked
for the coast. Although degraded, beyond any

30 thing that can be conceived without observation
yet I think there are redeeming qualities
now should we decide against them till a
period of effort for their recovery as long
as that for their degradation has past
The 300 years during which the slave trade
spoiled & corrupted these people should
now be followed with three centuries of
earnest missionary labors then let those
come forth with their arguments to prove
them a lower order of beings than them-
selves. But by that time their arguments
will be laid aside; or if used at all will
only prove that those who use them
are themselves nearer what they would
make out the negro race to be
to sail in sight they lay bound in
ward an American they think - the flag

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is ordered up to Salute her & see her colors,
Sat. 24th The vessel we saw yesterday was
an American, apparently bound for the
Gambia. -- Last night about 12 O we
had a pretty strong Breeze, but as it came
right aft only blew us on our course. This
morning we had a Squall, which parted
our Fore Royal Sail & the Sailors have
just repaired it & again put it up.

I was Sick most of last night, &
therefore Slept but little. Most of the fore
noon also I have had slight head ache
& sickness at the Stomach. I suppose it
is sea sickness as our vessel rolls very
much, not being deep loaded. My nerves
seem to be much different from what
they were when I went out to Africa.

I have been sitting out on after deck

looking over the vast country showing around
us. The little flying-fish went up & glided
like a swift along beneath the tops of the wa-
ter now & then touching the top of a
wave and then glancing off in a different
course till at last it disappeared. There
were many Eiders, continually flying about us
only a little above the water. As if seeking
a place to light, but never doing so. Although
we passed 6 or 7 miles from shore they do not
ascend as I again saw us. Still as
passing on we saw.

At noon today we were about 13° 37' North
Lat & 78° 28' West Long. It seems always
today at taking the true altitude to their
feeling the North. As it is now nearly
234° North and we only a little more than
13½ we were South of it.

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Today I feel lonely & long for home. A strong breeze that carries us along at 6 or 7 miles per hour seems to be my friend. But let me rather regard it as obeying my Great Heavenly Friend, my Guide my Constant Help.

Ther. yesterday noon 86° today 89°. Rain last night & early this morning.

Sund 25 about 5 O. P.M. We are now sailing at the rate of about 8 miles an hour & nearly in the right direction, but bearing a little too much South. I have had no religious service on board today as there would be but two or three, that both would & could attend, perhaps I can do better at some future time. I was in the fore castle twice but did not find things favorable to having a Bible class. I however gave the sailors

Some papers & tracts which they seemed to receive with gladness. I have been reading considerable in Fenelon's Spiritual Progress. Have lent Capt & Mate some pamphlets & Books which they are reading.

Ther. This morning was only 78° now 83° It has been quite cool most of the day. We saw about noon a Full rigged Ship going South - perhaps an Eng. East India Trader. My Stomach has been much out of order for several days & therefore I do not feel at all well - am very dull & heavy.

At noon we were in Lat $12^{\circ} 17'$ Lon. $28^{\circ} 57'$ Mond 26th Have done very little today - do not feel well. Want of exercise & of the light vegetable food to which I was accustomed at the mission, cause me to feel very dull and stupid & I fear that before I reach New York my

Old complaint Dyspepsia will have gained ³⁵
a strong footing again.

We saw a sail near us this evening. It
seemed to be an Eng. vessel ^{but} bound North
ward. Place at noon $11^{\circ} 23'$ Lon. $23^{\circ} 30'$
Ther. Noon 85°

Fri. 27 Reading Foxes West Coast. Writing a
little. Calm today - but heavy seas make our
vessel roll painfully. Place at noon Lat $11^{\circ} 27'$
Lon. $23^{\circ} 14'$ Ther. 86 about

Wed 28th Place at 3 O. ^{Sun} $26^{\circ} 18'$ ^{Sat.} $11^{\circ} 37'$

Calm or but little wind during the day - Saw
a vessel a few miles North of us, this evening at
sunset. She was bound eastward. I read considerable
today in Foxes Hist. Nothing unusual today.

Tonight we caught up in a bucket a substance
which when touched throws off a beautiful

36 Soft light like Phosphorus or "fox fire" We
caught 3 each about 5 inches long & about
1 inch in diameter - hollow but closed at one
end. When exposed to light out of the water
they appear clear & if chafed a little brilliant
as when in water. At the stern of the ship
there is a constant stream of them visible as they
become excited by the vessel in passing over them.
We have the ones we got in a bucket of salt
water to see what they will be like in the
morning. - Rain very little, this evening. Ther.
at noon 85°

Thurs. Evening 29th We have had another fine
day & a fair & constant though not very
strong breeze. At present however the
wind is quite sufficient. We are running
at a rapid rate. All hands are well & we
truly ought to be thankful. This afternoon

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again we saw a vessel going Eastward. She
was a full rigged Ship. Probably Eng^l in
the East India Trade. The breeze is increasing
so that our chairs &c. begin to be a little unsteady
& the Cooks dishes are a little noisy in the
cupboard. I have been reading considerable today
& thinking much of my future course. It seems
to me my work is to try to persuade the Lu-
theran Church to found a Mission in Liberia
It would be a blessing to Liberia & to the natives
where it might be founded & at the same
time tend to prepare the way for the aboli-
tion of Slavery in the Lutheran Church in the
U.S. To this undertaking I feel my heart
drawn & the more I reflect upon it the more
deep do my convictions become that this is my
work for a few years to come. I know of no
part of the world stronger in claims to Christian

Sympathy & more promising in prospect than
 Africa nor do I know of any part of Africa
 more prominent in these respects than Liberia
 May God in whom I trust, direct me aright!
 Ther at noon 86° at 6 O'clock this morn.
 it was 81° — Our Place at noon was ~~Lat~~
 Lat $12^{\circ} 19'$ Lon. $28^{\circ} 31'$ By Chron. Lat 12-13
 Lon 27-22

Frid. 30th This day closes another month
 & month that I can see no more, & I have
 done scarcely any thing during continuance.

We have now a strong breeze, but somewhat
 unsteady so that our vessel rolls & pitches con-
 siderably. It has been cool today Ther. 83 at noon
 Our Locality at noon was Lat. 13-2 Lon
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Sat. July 1st

How different this seems from

the first of July formerly at home, when
the green Evenfields gave promise of abundant
gathering. The golden wheat already bade us
put forth the sickle. The well grazed cows
came in from the pasture to yield us the bountiful
supply of rich milk and all was a
scene of life & health & plenty. We labored
during the day & reposed the more heartily
in the night when all was still.

Here it is true is some novelty but
not much new to me, as I have become
a little accustomed to the water. The
waves leave high & roll gracefully but
each one seems to be the same that
we met some days before. The ship rolls
& tarts "adrift" whatever is not comprised
within it but this is nothing novel
now. There is a new thing to thus be rocked.

to sleep at night in the berth or even
to be rocked too much to sleep. Just now
my chair became a little fractious. I ran in
the table, but then it came back ~~at~~
the next "come to" of the vessel.

Still it is delightful these moonlight
nights to sit out on "after deck" &
look over the troubled water, forming
crags, and concaves, & curves & hills & dale
& capping the hills with white foam to
imitate the snow cap'd mountains. How
all these figures & formations are darkened
into spray when they get in the way of
our ships bow & how long it requires
the excited columns of water meeting behind
us to lay their anger by & renew their alliance
~~in~~ before. We dash along at 9 miles per hour
now through an agitated sea

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Today I have not felt well perhaps
because I sat out & talked too late last
night. On exchanging some papers &
tracts with the sailors today there appeared
one on the Maine Law & one of
the sailors said he wished he could keep
that law "Poor fellow - he was far from it
at Gambin before we sailed. They have been
reading my Southern Observer & on my
saying that they did not contain fresh
news, one of them answered that it was
all the same to them as they had read
more for about 2 years.

It has been quite cool all day the not
above 80° Race at noon Sat 14th 9th
Sun. 33°-44° Some rain today & much
cloudy
Sund 2nd We have had rather a cool cloudy

A gloomy day, but have had a good breeze
 We have advanced rapidly. We are now going
 at the rate of $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles per hour.

There being so few on board & the sailors
 having often to be called up in the night
 making them disposed to sleep during the
 day I have not found opportunity today
 to have a meeting. However, I have given
 out papers & books which I think are
 perused at times. The Mate & Second Mate
 have been reading considerably. Had a long
 talk with the Capt on the subject of the
 necessity of conversion & man's duty to seek
 it at once.

But I feel lonely & think much about
 my dear Susan. Dreamed I saw her last night
 as I do not feel well I cannot occupy
 my time so fully in reading. So that my

thoughts go home for food. But I must wait a little longer, for although we fly rapidly over this watery world yet we have much to pass over, & besides may expect that not all our passage will be so rapid.

For two or three days I have had considerable headache & fever in the head arising from the bad state of my stomach, which is much irritated & sore. The scarcity of vegetable food in our board is much against me. This affliction makes me dwell more on the often recurring plan of settling for a while on some farm with my dear wife & aged parents if they are yet alive or in the vicinity of one or two country aggregations which I might supply. I know not what is best, but must trust that God will direct.

Sometimes when I sit out on deck & look over this vast sea - so deep - so broad & filled with the millions of things placed in it & yet all in the hollow of God's hand I feel that I am only a speck & cannot expect the notice of the Great Being that formed not only sea & its inhabitants but also the "dry land" with its multitudes after their kinds - not only this world but thousands more that throng the immensity of space, but are fully surveyed only by Him who formed them.

But the spheres fall is noticed - the hairs of our heads are numbered - Let me believe in God's special care - The Saviour died for sinners - let me hope for the benefits of his death. The benefits! Peace, joy, long suffering, kindness in this life - In

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Eternity Heaven - the Kingdom of Jesus the
Home of the just. Home - I used to be at
home in a western country & with my sister
gathered the gay flowers of Spring, before we
were ever taught by poets that flowers are
beautiful. We were little then for my years
were only equal to the number of paulings on
the Golden Gate while hers was one less
than the number of Spokes in mother's
spinning wheel & when we became weary of
the chase for flowers, we never thought that
life is weary - We lay down & slept, but
dreamed not of its toils its trials, its cares
& manifoldness. But Heavenly home will
be more happy still. Its eternity in all
good is a joyous thought.

Thus at noon 80 - No observation today sees
am not so

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Mon. July 3rd Have done nothing scarcely
today - not feeling well. Still have
a good wind. Cool. Ther. at 6
78 noon 82° Race at noon

Sat 17-23 Sun 39-56.

Tues. 4th This is "Fourth of July" at sea
and although vastly different from my
spent on land yet it has been pleas-
ant. Our fine wind continues. Now
wafts us on at the rate of 8 knots per
hour. I have not today gazed at the
vast multitudes of People that I used to
be on "fourths" but I have had a quiet
~~at~~ peaceful day. I have heard no fine
speeches, but have read some good Paragraphs.
It is now 4 o'clock P. I have been out
for a while with the sailors & mates
long.

who are tarring the rigging of the vessel⁴⁷
It is quite an improvement in the appearance, & after a few days will be no obstacle to going about the ship, but just now nothing can be said in its favor in that respect as some of my clothes will already testify
I had no idea before being a passenger on a vessel, of the amount of work the sailors do at the various parts of the ship. They "overhaul" rigging - tar it - & splice Sails - & Masts - Decks - Bulwarks - & Spars & clean & paint almost every thing made of wood.

I have read considerably today in Fox's last Court & the chapters of today treat more of his own doings & sufferings than former ones. He ~~is~~ is certainly a laborious & devoted man. He became of the peculiar need of laborers at Gambia Station about four years there without his wife & did not so

his little son who was born in Eng. after
 his departure till he was about 4 years old
 He then was permitted to be with him only
 a few months, for soon after his arrival
 in Eng. he again embarked for Gambia, ta-
 king his wife & boy with him, where they
 both soon fell victims to the climate. Mr.
 Fox wished to leave his son in Eng. But
 Mrs. Fox was unwilling to let him remain.
 It seems to me that although we may
 deeply feel the separation, yet it is much
 more wise & consistent, if we feel it our duty
 to go to W. A. to leave these little ones at
 home. Especially where we can procure them
 a place among pious & intelligent friends.
 It is a question indeed whether we should leave
 our children, but some expressions in Scripture
 are strong in regard to requiring separation
 from friends - some persons have never

Still in explaining them than I have &
 I fear wreat them in so doing. I shall
 hold all things as at Gods disposal. Since
 leaving my dear wife I have been brought to
 the verge of the grave & when I asked of my-
 self if I was resigned to the will of God it
 at first seemed that I was - but if it was
 the will of God to remove me then I allow
 me no more to see my dear companion
 never on earth to behold my child to leave
 both helpless & in poverty - I felt a strug-
 gle to suffer - to give up future plans - to
 die I thought not hard, but to leave them
 did seem hard even if it were His will.
 Oh God forgive! But reflection brought full
 resignation of all into My Fathers hands - else
 where were my fitness for Heaven? All then
 was given up - I was taught a lesson in

practical resignation that so often is expressed without its deep sense being at all realized. O May I never forget that lesson - for if I do again it must be taught if I would enter Paradise & then bides all this how great the loss to lose the hallowed peace of the soul resigned & after its hard struggle resting calmly in the bosom of God. All then is well.

I try now to keep myself resigned - The scheme of inducing my Lutheran brethren to found a Mission in Liberia is now with me a favorite object, but if not the will of Heaven let it fail & let me find the true path of duty whatever it may be.

I pray that when I reach my native Shore my way may be made clear & I be allowed to enter upon some work clearly pointed

out, but if for a while yet as for two
 years past I must tread with doubtful step
 nor cast my plans forward, let it be so. It
 will make up I hope one part of life - the
 discipline - for always I have been prone to
 reaching forward & laying wide for reaching
 plans as I supposed. All this was well, but
 I fear the choice was sometimes my own the
 plan my own the will my own & hence
 the work not truly Gods. Let me hence
 forward be an instrument in Gods hand &
 let all I have be at his disposal.

The air is cool & several small showers
 of rain or rather mist have swept over
 us today. Ther. at 6 morning 79° noon 82°
 Shaw at noon but 18° - 44° seen 42° - 12
 Wed 5th We still have a good wind & make
 good speed towards home. The weather is fine

I enjoy the sights of the Sea at moonlight
 very much. I have been reading a considerable
 part of the day I have finished Foxe's Hist of
 Wesleyan Missions on West Coast of Africa. It is
 in many respects an interesting work, but as
 I once before glanced over it, I read whatever
 parts were of most interest to me, it did
 not this time pass much fresh. From
 this book however I have learned many things
 & all or nearly all go to confirm me in
 the opinion that my views of the Pop.
 of Liberia as a Mission field are correct &
 that at present a Missionary would do
 more good located among some of the natives
 under that Government than in any of
 the tribes in the Sherbro or Gallinas or
 others of the small & broken tribes that
 are under no civilized authority.

Formerly considerable effort was made among the tribes on the Gambia away from the Eng. Settlements but now so far as I can learn missionary labors are confined to the Settlement. Indeed the design of the Wesleyan Society at first was to found a mission at once somewhere beyond the Colony & a place was selected, building put up, but on account of the little interest taken by the natives the difficulties of carrying on its operations without any other footing near it & on account of the more favorable opening appearing at Bathurst the Eng. Settlement the inland station was abandoned & Bathurst taken in stead. The natives on the Gambia like those in the Sherbro & adjoining districts are frequently at war & are & composed of many

that it is difficult to have any thing permanent among them. There are often as at Gambia obstacles put in the way by persons of these Colonies but taking this & the advantages afforded both into consideration I would choose to be within the limits of a civilized Government. And then we are to remember the good we may do for these settlements by being within them.

Thurs. at 6 79 at noon 11 after 86° — Place at noon Lat. 20° 18' Lon. 44° 24'

Thurs. 6th a clear day for the most part — Ther. 79° morning 86 noon. Place at noon Lat. 21 34 Lon. 47 46

Frid 7th Today the wind has been lighter than a few days ago, but we still go at a tolerable rate. Have been looking over a book called *Supplementary Records* today. I read this

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book a year ago in Pretoria P it then aided
me in forming my opinion of the propriety
of Missionary Operations ^{being} connected with Settlements
on the West Coast of Africa. The breaking up
of all the out Stations belonging to the Church
Missions between the year 1816 & 1820 & the
Settlement of the laborers in Sierra Leone &
their enlarged usefulness in the Colony are to
me instructive facts.

Weather clear. Therm 79 morning 84 noon.
Place at noon Lat 22 24 Lon. 50-5
Saw a Ship going Southward today at noon
Sat 8th light winds today. but being fair we
still advance some. Ther. at 6 80° noon 88°
The water this morning appeared different
from what it has been the rest of the passage
being a light blue. Perhaps the effect of the
clear sky. Considerable quantities of sea weed

56 Sat 23rd 35 Lon 52°-00'. We have a beautiful
moon light night. Sea smooth
Sund 9th Have finished reading a Work on
Spiritual Progress by Fenelon W. Guyon &
have as I hope been profited by it, especially
the first part. -- Had a lesson with the
Sailors this afternoon - a part of 5th Chapt of
Matt. They seemed much interested & asked
me to have another next Sunday.

Weather warm Ther at 6 P.M. 82° at noon
89° Lat 24° 25' - Lon. 53-25. Clear most
of the day and but little wind - Cloudy
this evening.

mond. 10th Fair wind & pretty strong a little cloudy
Ther Mon. 82° noon 89 - Lat ~~25-27~~ 25-26
Lon ~~53-25~~ 53-01
A shower of Rain after dark

Tues 11 Fair wind but light. Ther Mon. 81 - noon
87° Lat 26-05 Lon 57-3

Wed. 12th. Saw plenty of Ha Weas today.
 Have not done much. Finished
 reading "Our Race within the Tropics".
 Ther. at 6 81° Noon 98° in the sun.

Bar. at noon Sat. 27° 49' Bar
 59° 32' - Saw a small Schooner

pass near us this forenoon supposed
 to be bound for Windward Is. (West Ind.)

Thurs 13 Sat 28-38 Bar 60° 00' - Very little
 wind today. The sea is at rest. Our ship
 only flops her sails a little showing the light
 top of the breeze. Some cloudy this evening. This
 morning I bathed & have not felt well all day.
 considerable head ache & back ache - perhaps took
 cold. Have been thinking over what course to
 pursue when I reach the States. Should I ~~attempt~~
 attempt to create a movement in the Lutheran
 church for a mission in Liberia? I feel convinced

that the Church should a mission there but I do not know whether I am the person to bring the matter up. But I hope this will become plainer after I reach home & see how matters are. I feel that I do not make this a subject of prayer as I ought. Oh how careless I often am in the most important things.

Frid 14th Calm nearly all day - a light breeze this evening - Lat at noon 28° 49' - Lon. 62° 00' Ther at 6 82° noon 88°

Sat 15th A breeze with a little rain this morning - The rest of the day calm. - Lat 29° 2' - Lon. 68° 44' Ther at 6 82° noon 88°

Sund 16th - afternoon - We still have very light winds - hardly sufficient to move the vessel at all. But we advance a little. I have not felt well today at all. This

Morning was troubled with a smothering sensation that considerably distressed me besides a burning in the head. I think this is chiefly owing to the want of vegetable food as we have now none on board & our Cook does not well understand preparing what provisions we have. Every thing is gotten up in that gross way that does not well suit a weak or disordered stomach. I sometimes am made to think not only of home but of its less comforts & luxuries as they now seem. We hope soon to reach the Gulf Stream where we shall probably have not only a current in our favor but also a breeze.

I have just been out with the sailors & had a Bible lesson. They were attentive & seemed grateful for my attention to them.

One of them said he thought it was very hard for a "Sailor man to be a Christian" and indeed judging from the fewness of the number that become such and the condition of most of them it seems to be true. What numbers of heathen we have every where around us & in our midst. I do not preach on Sundays here because of the fewness of our number, but try by conversation to uphold piety.

We are now in a place of usual calms so that we have only what we expected. ^{See} ~~men~~ ^{men} generally expect them about ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~season~~ ^{season} ~~of~~ ^{of} the year.

But slowly as we advance I am soon probably to see our Committee & talk with them about our affairs at Mendi & my future intentions - for

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the latter I feel but poorly prepared. I
scarcely know what course to pursue, when
I reach New-York. I feel however that I
ought to present the prospect and claims
of Siberia to some of the Southern people
their conduct then will help me decide upon
my future course.

I cannot feel otherwise than grateful
~~to~~ the Com. for their constant & great
kindness to me while I do not feel reinci-
ted to continue in that connection, unless they
wish to found a mission in Siberia

Our Place at noon was Lat. 29°-31°
Long. 64°-50. Ther. at 6 morning 82° at
noon 90°.

17th Mond. Lat 30-48 Long 66° 00- Ther
at 6 AM 83 at noon 91° - tolerably
good wind part of today a little rain ~~calm~~
~~was~~

62 Tues 18th We go again through a pretty rough sea & at a rapid rate. The foaming floods fly from the vessels prow & sides & the whelling in the sunshine exhibit beautiful ~~forms~~ figures of all shades between white & sea green or blue.

I am thankful that we advance so rapidly & hope we shall do so till we reach home. This morning was quite "squally" but now is clear. — Ther. at 6 P.M. 83° noon 87°

Bar. Lat 32°-38' Lon 67°-44'

Wed 19th Today we have not gained much, for all although we have had a strong breeze it was too much before us & the sea too rough. Particularly this afternoon we have rather lost in longitude — having to make a north easterly course. We saw two vessels since noon both going South — and neither of them more than two miles distant from — It has been too rough

to write or read much today - I have felt⁶²
rather dull most of the time

The air is cool - Ther. this morning 80° noon
83 - Lat at noon 34-31 Lon. 69-19

Rainy & dark tonight -
Thurs. 20th The sea is quite rough and as we have
to run against it the vessel is unsteady - frequent
shippings of water over the bow occurs. The wind
during most of the day was so much ahead
that we ran out of our course & actually lost
about 30 miles Lon. Our Lat. at noon being
35-44 Lon. 68°-45. Cool all day Ther. at
6 78° at noon 79°

Frid 21st We again have a fair wind & smooth sea
Most of today we have gone forward at a good
rate. The sky is clear & all seems pleasant
We past one ship 8 or 10 miles to our
right & now are nearing one far ahead of us

I have read considerable today & feel better than for two or three days past I feel considerably at times the effects of my last attack of fever. I seem to have settled in the spine. I hope soon to reach land & have more exercise than now. Truly we have cause to render God thanks for our prosperity & comfort during this voyage. Ther. at 6 this morning was 80° at noon 90° - Place at noon ~~Sat 69-49~~ Lon. Sat $32^{\circ} 42'$ Lon. $69^{\circ} 49'$

Many of the little birds called Mother Carey's Chickens fly about us today.
Sat 22nd Most of the has been cloudy & therefore we got no observation but by the aspect of the water as well as by its ripple we know that we are in the Gulf Stream. The wind is strong but not fair. Still we make

pretty good progress. Rainy & cool.

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5 O. We are now in sight of land. The High
lands of New Spink are quite visible with
the naked eye immediately before us about
20 miles distant. I rejoice at the sight of
my native land again. Oh. May God di-
rect my way that my plans may all be
right & that I may do much good & more
& glorify him whose Mercies to me during
the last year have been so abundant. I now
feel more anxious to reach home soon than
before. But if duty requires I can still
delay.

7 O. We have just anchored near Sandy Hook
Light House - having no wind to carry us
against tide - The Pilot is on Board - The
Scenery around us is beautiful indeed.

Mon^d 8. Clock dropped anchor in East

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River & after two or three hours I went
to the Miss. Rooms where I found bro
Whipple & others pretty well
spent the day in talking with them
Went home with bro Fupper in the
evening & staid away the night.
Wed. 25 Still talking with Com.

Wed 26 Was about the City a little - went
on board for my baggage but could
not get it without a permit from
the Customs house.

Thurs. 27 Was engaged most of the day
in taking ashore my baggage &
that of bro Condit who died at the
Mission.

Fri 28 Visited Crystal Palace a few hours

not well - having taken cold yesterday

Sat 29 Left New York for Phila at 4½
O'clock P.M. arrived at Phila at 9½
called at uncle Wells farm then tolerably
well I had chill on leaving the cars &
high fever most of the night.

30th Sun Sick all day - was in bed part
of the time.

Mon 31st Left Phila for York at 1½
O'clock P. arrived there at 7½ evening
found there Mr. & Mrs. Riphard with
whom became acquainted some years ago
at Springfield. Stayed all night with
them. Became acquainted with the
Rev. Martine whom I take to be
an excellent man.

Tues Aug 1st Went from York to Harroburg ⁶⁷
during the night from H. to Pittsburgh

Wed. 2nd Saw Rev. Papavants in the morning
for only a few minutes but found him anxious
to do something for the colored race.

Received a letter from home stating that my
father's health was a little better & advising me
first to visit my dear wife & then with
her return to my father. I took the Cars
at Pittsburgh for Springfield about 3 O P.M.
and arrived at Springfield at sunrise
Thurs. Aug 3 having narrowly escaped great danger
~~the~~ night before by the breaking of the car
that I was in. But God preserved me.

At home and more find my dear Susan
None little. Alice pretty well. This dear little
creature now nearly 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old I saw today
for the first time. May God keep her &

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make her useful in her day is my prayer.
Frid. Aug 4th visited Dr. Shrover & his dear
companion found them well & ready to
sympathize with me & mine in our
joy at meeting & in our desire to labor for
Africa.

Sat. 5th at my father-in-law's - In the
afternoon my Susan & I had a season of
prayer & thanksgiving. How great a comfort
to have such a wife!

Sund attended Church & heard br. Epick Peabo
It was a good discourse. Afternoon attended
African S. S. Evening attempted to speak
in behalf of Africa in the South Ch. but
failed utterly having neither words nor ideas
at command. I feel the consequences of such
efforts as that was they will chill the Ch.
& destroy all interest they have in Missions

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Monday Aug 7th St Father Smith's - Feel much
discouraged in regard to the mission work &
much perplexed in regard to the course I should
pursue.

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